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B.C. swine flu cases 'mild': MD

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Two separate cases of swine flu have been discovered in the Lower Mainland, doctors at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) confirmed yesterday.

The infected individuals, both men in their late 20s, contracted the virus in Mexico.

They exhibited "mild" flu-like symptoms, said Dr. Danuta Skowronski, an epidemiologist with the BCCDC. Neither required hospitalization and both have since recovered.

"It's reassuring that this swine influenza virus does not automatically mean hospitalization and death," said Skowronski, who tried to assuage fears of a swine-flu pandemic.

"It may have just the typical influenza-type presentation and symptoms. … This is not necessarily scary monsters."

The two cases, and four others reported yesterday in Nova Scotia, are similar in severity to the 20 cases reported so far in the U.S.

"The kinds of illness that we are seeing amongst those six confirmed cases in Canada are different than what's been seen in Mexico."

In Mexico, around 400 people out of roughly 1,600 suspected cases are hospitalized, suffering from a severe respiratory illness that has killed up to 103. Mexico's health minister has said around two-thirds of the sick have recovered.

The differences in severity, Skowronski said, could be explained by the way incidents are reported. Only the most severe cases — those requiring hospitalization — are reported in Mexico.

"You need to remember there are many causes — at this time of year — of severe respiratory illness. Only in a portion of the patients in Mexico has this swine influenza virus been found."

Skowronski said the two mild Lower Mainland cases were identified because widespread reporting prompted the two men to seek medical care.

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Dr. Danuta Skowronski, an epidemiologist at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, speaks to a reporter following a press conference on swine flu yesterday. More coverage, pgs 4, 6

'Public health emergency of international concern': World Health Organization

• Fears of a global swine flu pandemic grew with new infections in the United States and Canada yesterday, and millions of Mexicans hid indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed up to 103 people.

While the only deaths have been in Mexico, the flu is spreading with 20 cases in the United States, and possible cases as far afield as Europe and New Zealand.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg confirmed that eight schoolchildren there had caught the swine flu virus, although the cases were mild and the illness did not appear to be spreading rapidly to the general population.

Twelve cases have been confirmed in California, Kansas, Texas and Ohio, and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said the government has declared a public health emergency.

The World Health Organization has declared the flu a "public health emergency of international concern" that could become a pandemic, or global outbreak of serious disease.

A pandemic would deal a major blow to a world economy already suffering its worst recession in decades, and experts say it could cost trillions of dollars. REUTERS

Feds' appeal of Insite decision in court

CASE The battle over Vancouver's supervised injection site continues today as the federal government appeals an earlier decision that allowed Insite to keep operating.

Supporters like Maxine Davies, executive director at the Dr. Peter Centre, say the clinic provides an essential harm reduction service.

Davies said some people living with HIV/AIDS treated at the Centre use illicit drugs and Insite helps reduce the transmission of diseases and serves as a gateway to detox programs.

The case will be heard at the B.C. Court of Appeals.

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Award-winning chef hits town

Award-winning chef Daniel Boulud will be in Vancouver tomorrow night to autograph cookbooks between 6 and 7:30 at his Broadway restaurant, db Bistro Moderne. The New York-based chef is the author of five cookbooks. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

If the dumpster's rocking ...

A Saanich couple was caught by a police officer having sex inside a dumpster. The officer had been walking through a parking lot when he heard noises coming from the container and looked inside. He ordered the 30-year-old woman and 26-year-old man to get out and get dressed.

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Flood forces Smithers residents to leave homes

RIVER More than a dozen people have left their homes near Smithers, B.C., and around 30 more are being encouraged to leave, after an ice jam caused the nearby Bulkley River to overflow.

Residents near the rural farming area of Ebeneezer Flats have been watching the river for weeks but water levels rose faster than expected, forcing officials to declare a local state of emergency, according to CBC News Online.

Evacuees are being put up in hotels in downtown Smithers, which is dry,

There are no reports of injuries but there are fears some livestock may have died.

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Uproar over candidate's emails

Liberal Marc Dalton called on to leave race over 'homophobic' comments from 1996

KELSEA BLOXAM
for Metro Vancouver

A B.C. Liberal candidate who sent an email containing "blatantly outrageous, homophobic and very hurtful" comments 12 years ago doesn't deserve to be a community leader and should step down, two NDP candidates said yesterday.

In the 1996 email, Marc Dalton said homosexuality was a moral issue and grouped it with "other moral issues that large segments of our society do not see eye to eye" including adultery and pornography.

The Maple Ridge-Mission MLA candidate said he was sorry for the email on Friday.

KELSEA BLOXAM/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

B.C. NDP candidates Spencer Herbert, left, and Jen McGinn say a B.C. Liberal candidate who sent what they describe as a homophobic email 12 years ago should resign from the race.

"If I have caused offence, I apologize unequivocally," Dalton wrote in a news release.

B.C. New Democrat candidate Jen McGinn, who is a lesbian, said the comments were "blatantly outrageous, homophobic and very hurtful to the community."

She said Dalton should resign as the apology showed no real remorse.

"I think it was a forced apology," McGinn said. "I don't think he has any integrity behind his apology whatsoever."

B.C NDP MLA Spencer Herbert echoed McGinn's comments in calling for Dalton's resignation.

"People are upset about it," he said. "People from my constituency are stopping me on the streets. I've had B.C. Liberals come up to me pretty upset about it."

Dalton did not immediately respond to an interview request yesterday.

High-speed rail could boost cruise ship industry: Mayor

PROPOSAL Vancouver's cruise ship industry could benefit from proposed high-speed rail between Vancouver, Seattle and Portland, the mayor's office said yesterday.

The proposed train is part of an $8-billion US plan to link dozens of U.S. cities with high-speed rail. It would travel at a speed of around 180 km/h, up from the current speeds of less than 130 km/h.

Funding was announced Thursday by U.S. President Barack Obama as part of his $787-billion economic bailout plan.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, met with his Portland counterpart Sam Adams on Friday to work on accelerating the proposal.

An email from Robertson's office yesterday said the train would make it easier for American tourists to get to Vancouver and would have big economic benefits for the city's cruise ship industry.

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Alleged gang founder to appear in Seattle court on drug charges

SEATTLE A Vancouver man believed to be the head of the UN gang is scheduled to enter a guilty plea in Seattle court tomorrow on U.S. federal charges related to a massive drug trafficking ring.

Clayton Roueche was arrested in Texas last year after being denied entry into Mexico to attend a wedding, CBC News Online reports. Mexican officials turned him over to the Americans.

American authorities arrested Roueche based on a then-sealed indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana and to launder money.

The charges against him stem from an investigation called Operation Frozen Timber, which uncovered the smuggling of tonnes of marijuana into the U.S. by private planes and helicopters.

When results of the investigation were announced in 2006, federal agents had arrested 40 people and seized roughly 3.6 tonnes of marijuana, 360 kilograms of cocaine, three aircraft and $1.8 million in cash.

Canadian officials say Roueche founded the UN gang in the Fraser River Valley about 12 years ago.

The gang has been linked to drug trafficking and murders.

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News in brief

HIT AND RUN RCMP are looking for the driver of a dark car with front-end damage — possibly a Pontiac Sunfire — that hit two pedestrians in Burnaby. A couple was crossing Grange Street at Barker Avenue at 10:25 p.m. Saturday when they were hit.

STABBING A 33-year-old man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after being stabbed in the abdomen in the Downtown Eastside. The man was attacked around 7:30 on Saturday night near Hastings and Columbia streets. Police say he is being unco-operative.

BOATS A man has been killed in a collision between two boats near Pender Island. Two six-metre-long powerboats were travelling in tandem on Friday night when the lead boat turned sharply to avoid a log hazard, hitting the other vessel. The driver of the lead boat died. METRO NEWS SERVICE

End of Cambie Street construction celebrated
A street party was held on the weekend to celebrate the end of Canada Line construction along Cambie Street. The event was meant as a gesture of appreciation by Canada Line officials, as several businesses failed and traffic jams were commonplace during four years of construction. METRO VANCOUVER

Renters dispute loophole

Legislation permits evictions, rent increases for renovation

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Renters at the Berkeley Apartments on Bute Street yesterday joined the fight to amend the Residential Tenancy Act and protect Vancouverites from what they call unjust evictions.

West Enders, along with local NDP MLAs and B.C. NDP Leader Carole James, gathered outside the three-storey building where tenants recently received letters saying eviction notices might be on the way.

Sharon Isaak of Renters At Risk said the landlords might be taking advantage of a loophole in the Residential Tenancy Act that allows evictions or rent increases for the purposes of renovation.

"(It's) unbelievable that this government sanctions that kind of rent control," Isaak said. "They have put legislation in place that allows this to happen."

Last week, tenants at the Seafield Apartments on Pendrell Street were told their rent would be going up about 40 per cent to pay for cosmetic upgrades.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Seafield Apartments resident Christine Brandt, right, and her son Miles, 6, gather outside a rally for tenants' rights in the West End yesterday.

Jan Haldarson, who has lived in the building for seven years, said he can barely afford the rent as it is. "We're ... considering our options and will probably go for a judicial review," Haldarson said.

But the B.C. Liberals said the NDP has turned the issue into a misleading smear campaign ahead of the provincial election.

"It was the B.C. Liberals that introduced the Rental Assistance Program to help families live in market rental housing," the Liberals said in a press release yesterday.

"Landlords can only evict tenants if they can prove the unit needs to be vacant for the renovations … (and) tenants have the right to dispute the eviction notice through the independent dispute resolution process."

Minister loses driver's licence

POLITICS The minister responsible for ICBC and the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV) has lost his driver's licence for speeding.

John van Dongen has since asked the premier to reassign those responsibilities to another ministry.

"I will not be appealing the decision," van Dongen said after being given a four-month driving suspension for going 40 kilometres per hour above the speed limit. "I fully understand and accept responsibility for my driving behaviour." METRO VANCOUVER

15 hurt after storm hits plane

AVIATION At least 15 people on board an Air Canada flight bound for Vancouver from Australia were injured when the plane hit severe turbulence.

The plane flew through a thunderstorm while above Hawaii and suddenly dropped, throwing passengers against the ceiling. The seatbelt sign was on at the time.

The plane later landed and some passengers were taken to hospital in Hawaii.

The flight landed in Vancouver on Saturday. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

TRANSIT Police evacuated a transit bus parked at the UBC bus loop on the weekend after a passenger discovered what appeared to be a bomb or grenade on board. The device turned out to be a plastic toy, according to the RCMP.

STABBING A 26-year-old man is in serious condition after being stabbed yesterday near Commercial Drive and East 12th Avenue, cknw.com reports. Police said the victim was stabbed during a fight. A suspect was arrested.

ATTACK A 30-year-old man is in serious but stable condition after being hit over the head with a piece of lumber near Seymour and Smithe streets, news1130.com reports. Witnesses directed police to a suspect. METRO VANCOUVER

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Winnipeg lab involved in Mexico outbreak

Winnipeg's virology laboratory is playing a leading role in the swine flu outbreak that has been blamed for several deaths in Mexico. The National Microbiology Lab has found the 16 positive cases among specimens sent from Mexico for testing. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Jean wants co-operation

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean called on Saturday for intensified energy co-operation with Ukraine, including in the nuclear sphere, to help it achieve energy self-sufficiency. Jean, interviewed during a state visit to Ukraine, also said it was up to Canada and other industrialized nations to help Ukraine find permanent solutions to the dire, long-lasting consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. REUTERS

Health minister expects more swine flu cases

Airlines waive fees to change flights to Mexico

Canada reported its first confirmed cases of swine flu yesterday at opposite ends of the country, with two cases in British Columbia and four in Nova Scotia.

Health officials in both provinces said all the cases involved only mild illness, and the people either contracted the virus because they had recently travelled to Mexico or had contact with someone who had been there.

Even so, health officials urged people to take precautions such as frequent hand washing, and said they would take whatever actions are necessary to protect the public.

"The swine flu symptoms seen in Canada have thankfully been relatively mild and the patients are recovering," Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq told a media briefing. "As we continue to ramp up our surveillance efforts, these cases are likely not the last we'll see in Canada."

Ontario and Alberta both said they had no confirmed cases.

Millions of Mexicans stayed indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed up to 103 people there, and new infections in the United States fanned fears of a global swine flu pandemic.

Mexico is a popular winter vacation spot for Canadians, but there were signs this was being hurt. Air Canada said it was waiving the fees charged to people who want to delay trips to Mexico before the end of April.

Canadian border staff are trained to monitor travellers returning from Mexico for illness.

Several major U.S. airlines are allowing customers to change travel plans to Mexico without any fee or penalty after a swine flu outbreak, but they said yesterday there had been no flight cancellations so far.

American Airlines, Continental Airlines and US Airways all said they had received some inquiries and were letting customers change plans. REUTERS

Swine flu facts

- Swine flu is a respiratory disease in pigs, caused by type-A influenza viruses.
- It is usually spread from pig to person, or person to person.
- You cannot get it from eating pork or other foods.
- Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, aches, headache, fatigue, lethargy and lack of appetite. Sometimes it causes diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and a runny nose.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto **Khalsa Day parade**

KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More than 70,000 people descended on Toronto to celebrate that city's annual Sikh Khalsa Day parade. The day celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by guru Gobind Singh.

Calgary gives boost to buskers

ALYSSA JULIE
for Metro Canada

DOWNTOWN Wanting to experience playing violin in front of a crowd, Karen Sim started busking in Calgary two years ago

"An entire world opened up for me," the classically trained violinist recalls. "I saw people from all walks of life … Everyone wanted to stop and share their story."

When Sim started busking she could only perform in two areas. Last year the city relaxed permits and expanded the areas buskers could be, as long as they have valid ID from the Calgary Downtown Association, as part of a downtown revitalization project.

"It felt different," Sim said of the city's revitalization attempt. "I felt like I had a legitimate right to play in all of the downtown core."

Calgary hasn't traditionally been the most busker-friendly city, said Brian Dorscht, the events co-ordinator for the City of Calgary's arts and culture department. He said the city wants to encourage pedestrians to take a minute to stop and listen to these talented street performers, instead of passing them off as beggars.

"When people are walking down the streets and something out of the ordinary happens, it just makes things alive," he said.

ROBIN KUNSKI/FOR METRO CANADA

Buskers are migrating back into the city core after the city relaxed rules on where they could perform.

PM accused of political cronyism

OTTAWA One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's oldest and closest friends has again been awarded a government posting amid charges of political cronyism.

John Weissenberger, who was recently appointed to a three-year term with the Canada Foundation for Innovation, set off a storm of controversy when he was named chief of staff to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Diane Finley in 2007. A geologist, Weissenberger took the job with Finley after resigning under pressure from another controversial posting to a judicial advisory committee.

The CFI is an independent corporation established in 1997 by the federal government to strengthen Canadian capacity for research.

It is responsible for investing hundreds of millions of dollars in the development of research infrastructure.

NDP MP Pat Martin said yesterday this kind of blatant patronage offends the sensibilities of Canadians almost as much as out-and-out corruption does.

"Harper never promised an end to patronage but he did promise an appointments review commission, and that's one of his biggest failures of his administration in my view," Martin said.

Weissenberger will be paid $5,000 a year plus a per diem of $750 when the CFI board meets, which is usually three times a year.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said Weissenberger's extensive management experience will greatly complement the work undertaken by the CFI and support the foundation's "world-class research capacity."

Liberal MP Marc Garneau said he was concerned both with Weissenberger's friendship with Harper and the fact that "this man is a very serious climate change skeptic, if not an outright denier." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Search for missing man continues

EDMONTON Grey clouds circled and a veil of unseasonably thick snow began to fall in the moments before a search party fanned out to track down a missing journalist yesterday afternoon.

Wet and windy conditions weren't enough to keep about 100 concerned friends and relatives from searching for the 47-year-old arts writer, who hasn't been seen for a week.

Daniel Bouchard, brother

"It's totally out of character," said Gilbert Bouchard's brother, Daniel Bouchard. "He's never gone missing before. He's been battling depression here for the last while. We're very worried about that."

His bank account has not been accessed, and his cellphone hasn't been used since Tuesday at 1:30 a.m., Daniel added.

METRO CANADA

News in brief

TAXES Spooked by a brewing backlash over Ontario's move to a new harmonized sales tax, the Liberals are scrambling. The combined sales tax doesn't even come in to effect until next year, but already is proving to be such a bust with Ontarians that Premier Dalton McGuinty is giving ministers new marching orders to go out and aggressively sell it, the Torstar News Service has learned.

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Mummies discovered near Egyptian pyramid

Archeologists have unearthed a cache of pharaonic-era mummies in brightly painted wooden coffins near Egypt's little-known Lahun pyramid. The mummies were the first to be found in the sand-covered desert rock surrounding the 4,000-year-old pyramid. The team expects to announce more finds soon. REUTERS

World

Pork groups warn barn workers

U.S. pork groups have issued specific precautions about swine flu after an outbreak in Mexico killed 103 people and spread to the U.S. There is no evidence that any of the cases stemmed from contact with pigs, but because people and pigs can pass flu viruses to each other, pigs and barn workers should be vaccinated for seasonal flus, and sick employees should stay away from barns, the groups said. REUTERS

Mexico City grinds to halt amid flu fears

One of the world's biggest cities slowed to a snail's pace yesterday as millions in the Mexican capital hid indoors from a flu virus that has killed up to 103 people.

The Roman Catholic faithful listened to mass on the radio rather than go to church and a professional soccer game was played in an empty stadium in a lock-down of a chaotic city of 20 million people.

Most of the deaths caused by the virus have been in and around the capital, one of Latin America's most important centres of business, government, culture and tourism.

Bars and nightclubs were ordered shut for 10 days and on Saturday night streets usually packed with revellers were empty with improvised signs on the darkened windows advising revellers to stay away.

Some bars tried to skirt the requirements to let drinkers in, hiring medical personnel to take their temperatures outside and promising to turn away anyone with a fever.

A professional league soccer game between the Pumas and Chivas teams kicked off behind closed doors. Fans were banned under a government recommendation against large crowds gathering.

Soldiers gave out surgical masks around the city.

Mayor Marcelo Ebrard said his city government was considering the possibility of shutting down the mass transport system.

"If we don't succeed in decreasing the number of people infected we will have to reduce practically all activity in the city," Ebrard said in a radio interview. REUTERS

Two-thirds healthy

- Two-thirds of the roughly 1,300 people in Mexico suspected of being infected with a potentially fatal new strain of swine flu have been given a clean bill of health and sent home from the hospital. Nearly 400 others with flu-like symptoms were in hospitals being checked.

JORGE DAN / REUTERS

A woman gets her throat checked by medical personnel before entering a bar in Mexico City yesterday. A new flu virus that has killed dozens of people in Mexico has ignited fears of an epidemic, and some bars have hired medical staff to inspect patrons at the door as people become increasingly afraid of going out in public.

Nations raise their guard

- A WHO official said Middle East countries should monitor visitors from the U.S. and Mexico, but it was not necessary to impose quarantine on all incoming travellers from there.
- The United Arab Emirates was also considering banning pork products from Mexico and the U.S.
- Russia imposed curbs on meat imports from Mexico, a number of U.S. states and the Caribbean.
- Four people were being checked after arriving in France from Mexico with symptoms, and three people flying to Spain were hospitalized. Test results for those cases are forthcoming.

Italian cruise ship foils pirates with guns, hose

NAIROBI An Italian cruise ship used guns and a fire-hose to beat off an attack by pirates off the east African coast, the vessel's captain said yesterday.

Pirates also freed a Yemeni-owned tanker, the Sea Princess II, a Kenyan official said yesterday.

Cmdr. Ciro Pinto of the MSC Melody, which has a capacity of 1,500 passengers and crew, said his ship was slightly damaged by firing from the pirates.

The ship came under attack when it was 960 kilometres off the Somali coast.

Pinto said pistols were handed out to security staff and they opened fire on the pirates when they tried to clamber up the sides of the ship.

"They tried to put up a ladder with hooks. They were climbing up, so we reacted. We started firing. When they saw us firing — we even sprayed them with water with the fire-hose — they gave up and went off," Pinto said.

The sea gang followed the Melody for another 20 minutes, firing at it all the while, Pinto said.

Pirates also released a Yemeni-owned tanker yesterday. The vessel was seized on Jan. 2 and was carrying petroleum products. It had 15 crew members, including eight Indian seamen.

Officials said a ransom was likely paid, but it is unknown how much. REUTERS

Crew's actions 'dangerous': Official

- Although the ship's action may have saved the Melody from capture, a Kenyan official said it only endangered the lives of passengers. "Having weapons on a passenger or merchant ship is dangerous. They should have used other means to shake off the pirates, like a loud acoustic device," said Andrew Mwangura of the Mombasa-based East African Sea Farers Assistance Programme.

Tamil Tigers' ceasefire a 'joke': Sri Lankan official

COLOMBO Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels declared a unilateral ceasefire yesterday, with the military having surrounded them in a tiny area along with thousands of civilians, but the move was immediately rejected by the government.

Sri Lanka responded by saying the rebels must either surrender or be destroyed.

"That is a joke. They were not fighting with us, they were running from us. There is no need of a ceasefire. They must surrender. That is it," Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa told Reuters.

The top UN humanitarian official John Holmes arrived in Sri Lanka on Saturday amid rising pressure on the LTTE to surrender, and Sri Lanka to halt its offensive to wipe out a foe it has fought since 1983.

Tens of thousands of civilians remain trapped in a former army-declared no-fire zone that has become the final battleground in Asia's longest-running war. REUTERS

Berlin 'pro-religion' school referendum soundly defeated

GERMANY A plan to give religion lessons the same status as ethics classes in schools was defeated in a referendum yesterday.

Secular ethics has been a compulsory topic in Berlin since 2006 after the "honour killing" of a Turkish woman murdered by her brother because of her western lifestyle.

Religion, compulsory in most other German states, is only optional in the capital.

Advocates wanted to let pupils choose between ethics and religion, with Muslims, Catholics and Protestants taught separately.

But only about 14.1 per cent of total eligible voters in Berlin cast their ballots in favour of the 'Pro Reli' proposal, election officials said.

The referendum aroused strong feelings in Berlin. Ethics campaigners said faith-based religion lessons risked opening divisions and setting a predominantly Christian agenda. REUTERS

Al-Qaida threatens to kill U.K. hostage

DUBAI Al-Qaida's North African wing threatened yesterday to kill a British hostage if Britain did not release a Jordanian Islamist it was holding.

"We demand that Britain release Sheikh Abu Qatada, who is unjustly (held), for the release of its British citizen. We give it 20 days as of the issuance of this statement," al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb wrote on an Islamist website.

"When this period expires the mujahideen will kill the British hostage," said the group, adding that it still held a Swiss national "until we have achieved our legitimate demands" but gave no more details.

The British foreign office called for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages. REUTERS

Hostage's identity

- Abu Qatada, named by a Spanish judge as the right hand man in Europe of the al-Qaida network, has been held in Britain since 2005. He denies belonging to the group.

News in brief

ICELAND The recently-elected Social Democrats began negotiating over a centre-left government coalition yesterday with plans to push for European Union membership talks for the crisis-hit nation. Caretaker Prime Minister Johanna Sigurdardottir, 66, claimed victory in an election on Saturday held three months after protests over economic meltdown forced a conservative government out of office.

ZURICH A Swiss insurance worker lost her job after surfing popular social networking website Facebook while off sick, her former employer said Friday. The woman said she could not work in front of a computer as she needed to lie in the dark but was then seen to be active on Facebook, which insurer Nationale Suisse said in a statement had destroyed its trust in their employee. REUTERS

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Results are in for Choose Anne A Hobby contest

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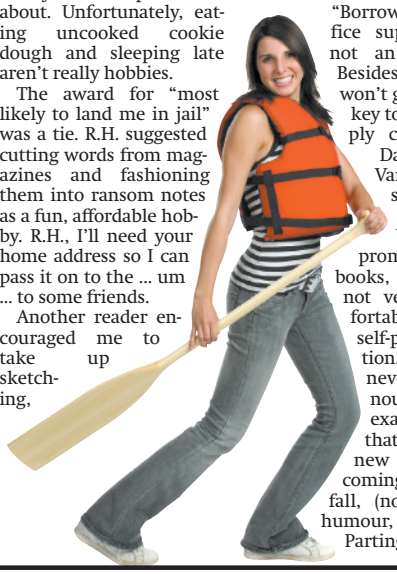
The results of our Choose Anne A Hobby contest are in. I've received messages suggesting I try everything from motorcycle repair to mosaic making, Chinese calligraphy to duplicate bridge.

What I've learned this week is that Metro readers are interesting, smart, often hilarious and it's a darn shame my partner, Liz, says I'm not allowed to invite every one of you over for dinner.

I was encouraged by the number of readers who think I can be given pointy objects such as scissors and knitting needles without bad things happening. And everyone suggested I pick a hobby I'm passionate about. Unfortunately, eating uncooked cookie dough and sleeping late aren't really hobbies.

The award for "most likely to land me in jail" was a tie. R.H. suggested cutting words from magazines and fashioning them into ransom notes as a fun, affordable hobby. R.H., I'll need your home address so I can pass it on to the ... um ... to some friends.

Another reader encouraged me to take up sketching, noting this is inexpensive if I "borrow" paper and pens from my employer. I'm a student minister. "Borrowing" office supplies is not an option. Besides, they won't give me a key to the supply cupboard.



David from Vancouver suggested I start a blog to promote my books, but I'm not very comfortable with self-promotion. I would never announce, for example, that I have a new book coming out this fall, (non-fiction humour, titled Parting Gifts: Notes On Loss, Love And Life, published by McArthur & Co. Please, please buy a copy and I'll clean your house). It's just not me.

Mary Kuipers voted that I paint rocks and place them around my flower garden. I like this. I could paint "No Squirrels Allowed," though "Squirrel Buffet" would be more accurate.

But a winner must be chosen. It is Colleen Kenny, who asked, "How about dragon boating?" How about it, indeed? It's got "spunky urban warrior woman" written all over it. If not, the T-shirt I plan to get certainly will.

My sincere thanks to you all. The only thing more fun than doing my new hobby may have been choosing it.

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Views

SkyTrain right choice for Metro Vancouver

InTransit

Derek Moscato

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For a party that's fighting for the hearts and minds of urban voters in British Columbia, one would think the provincial NDP would be trading off of its strong legacy of endorsing — and expanding — SkyTrain across the Lower Mainland.

After all, it was former NDP premier Glen Clark who brought Vancouver the Millennium Line, which has enjoyed steady increases in ridership since its completion in 2002.

Another former New Democrat premier, Mike Harcourt, is one of the most vocal advocates of building light-metro for our growing region. In his 2007 book, City Making in Paradise, Harcourt cites SkyTrain as one of the legacies from Expo 86 that saved Vancouver's livability.

Even current party leader Carole James has called for more SkyTrain cars to help undo the current transit crunch.

So I was surprised earlier this month to hear NDP candidate Mel Lehan — running in the riding of Vancouver-Point Grey in the upcoming provincial election — sounding the alarm over the plan to extend SkyTrain west to UBC.

He recently organized a town hall meeting in Kitsilano to raise concerns in the community. And his effort has paid off.

Since then, a coalition of activists has been trashing the light-metro system, citing everything from cost to construction to crime.

They instead advocate for alternatives such as a European-style tram. How quaint.

But while there is a place for slower, surface-level light rail in our city, it shouldn't be along one of the most heavily trafficked urban corridors in Western Canada.

It makes one wonder: Do any of these critics actually use public transit? Have they witnessed the brutal lineups for the 99 B-Line service at Broadway Station — or the crush of riders on the buses themselves?

One anti-SkyTrain theory goes so far as to blame it for encouraging commuters to live further distances from where they work — as opposed to just around the block.

How laughable. This implies that the average worker could afford the sky-high price tag for a condo in Kits or a bungalow in Point Grey.

Ironically, the folks who stand to lose the most from a derailed SkyTrain expansion are students, seniors and working stiffs. The same people who, presumably, are being courted by the provincial NDP.

SkyTrain is expensive, yes. But given its speed, durability and role in encouraging urban density, it is the economically and environmentally responsible choice for Metro Vancouver.

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Letters

Pot comment reinforces stigma and myth

Re: Canadian outdoor NHL game? Only in Alberta (April 22).

Although I agree the Rideau Canal would be a dumb place for an outdoor NHL game, as a federally licensed medical marijuana user who is also married to one, I take deep offence to the comment, "My advice to them would be to not smoke marijuana before making suggestions for where the Ottawa Senators play outdoor games."

This comment reinforces the stigma and scientifically false myth that pot use makes people stupid or insane.

Sure, it was probably just meant for levity, but it was used at the expense of people who use marijuana for medicine, and it is little things like this that makes our lives that much harder.

If anything, the idea for a Rideau Canal NHL game probably came from some beer-headed jock.

RUSSELL BARTH, PATIENTS AGAINST IGNORANCE AND DISCRIMINATION ON CANNABIS

Worth mentioning

Karzai admits mistake: Activists

Afghan President Hamid Karzai told women activists yesterday he had signed a law that caused an international outcry over its effect on women's rights because he had not read it properly, the activists said.

Karzai has ordered the Justice Ministry to review the Shiite Personal Status Law, which he signed two months ago.

The law, which applies to a Shiite Muslim community that makes up about 15 per cent of the population, requires women to satisfy their husbands' sexual desires, which some critics say could be used to justify marital rape.

It sparked an outcry from leaders of Western countries with troops in Afghanistan, including U.S. President Barack Obama, who called it "abhorrent."

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Litter affects us all

A Toronto woman has begun a campaign in an attempt to resolve the country's litter problem. Benita Grist's message is simple: Litter affects all of us, even you.

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Give seals some safeguards

Hunt continues to raise discussion whether or not it is humane

Eco-**Minded**

Many questions divide Canadians: Oil and the environment; globalization; Quebec sovereignty. And resurfacing now: The baby seal hunt.

While the big eyes of these pups appeal to many, tradition and economic arguments have won out so far, so the hunt continues. But should it?

The discussion hinges on animal rights and hunters' rights. When hunters club baby seals, some pups do not die immediately — up to 42 per cent — and are skinned alive. Many Canadians see such treatment as inhumane and inexcusable. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin apparently agrees. He recently banned the hunt in Russian waters, decrying the hunt as too bloody and inhumane.

Hunters have rights, too. Indigenous people began hunting the harp seal 4,000 years ago, and European settlers continued this tradition. Hunting revenue peaked at $40 million in 2003; the seal hunt is a mainstay to disadvantaged Atlantic Canadian communities.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) treats the hunt as a fishery even though seals are members of the canine family and have a higher cognitive capacity than fish. This impedes the proper management of the hunt to ensure that seals die in a humane way. In light of the huge opportunity of the 2010 Olympics for Canadian tourism and its economy, it's worth considering the potential impacts of clubbed-seal images on Canada's global image. The hunt may not have to end to maintain Canada's good image, but to be safe, we might as well give seals the same safeguards for humane death as we do cows and pigs.

Email min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca to share your thoughts with DFO's minister.

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Unsung warriors of urban environmental drive

I was driving up a steep stretch of Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver recently when I witnessed a man tearing down the hill in the opposite direction — riding a grocery cart. A cart that was filled with empty beer cans and pop bottles.

He must have lost control of his ride, because in a split second he had swerved onto a side street, causing his makeshift cruiser to tilt sideways, scattering some of his recyclables across busy Lonsdale in the process.

What happened next was encouraging.

Instead of the usual horn honking and passive-aggressive sulking that typifies Metro Vancouver road rage, the held-up drivers waited patiently for the man to pick up his returnables and be on his way.

Traffic delays be damned, they were showing some respect for the man — and his line of work. With good reason.

Bottle pickers and binners are the unsung warriors of the urban environmental movement.

They are a force in global mega-cities like Mumbai and Sao Paulo. And their numbers are growing in Metro Vancouver, as well.

Research from Crystal Tremblay, a PhD candidate at the University of Victoria, has focused on the economic and environmental significance of "informal resource recovery" — what the rest of us refer to as dumpster diving — in Vancouver.

What she found is that binning in the city not only reduces the amount of waste heading to the dump, but also creates jobs for otherwise marginalized individuals.

Mind you, some folks associate dumpster divers with vagrancy and crime. But as Tremblay was quick to point out when I spoke with her recently, "They're just trying to make a living."

Tremblay, who also works with binners in Brazil through UVic's Community-based Research Laboratory, is adamant that working with, not against, binners is the smartest move a community can make. It's hard to disagree.

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U.S. seeks reins in new talks

The United States hopes to take the reins of international efforts to battle global warming this week with a meeting of major economies aimed at facilitating a UN pact to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the meeting last month to relaunch a process that began under his predecessor, George W. Bush, whose commitment to curbing climate change was viewed with skepticism by much of the world.

The stakes are higher now. The Kyoto Protocol, which caps greenhouse gas emissions, runs out in 2012 and leaders from around the globe will gather in Copenhagen in December to forge a successor treaty.

Environmentalists hope renewed engagement by the United States and Obama's push for U.S. leadership on the issue will result in a deal.

The White House views this week's meeting in Washington, which groups 16 major economies including the European Union and the United Nations, as an avenue toward securing a broader pact — a goal many believed Bush did not share.

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Invited

- The major economies include: Canada, Australia, Brazil, Britain, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa and the United States. Denmark, which is hosting the UN meeting in December, was also invited.

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Green economic development

A new breed of green enterprises are focused on both the environment and social change. But a longstanding leader in this area has been United We Can, set up 15 years ago on East Hastings Street to serve area recyclers. In addition to beverage container recycling, the firm has undertaken projects devoted to cleaning back alleys, rescuing discarded computer equipment, and fixing bikes and carts.

By providing work for local binners, the organization has become a poster child for green economic development — while improving the quality of life for many of the struggling residents of the Downtown Eastside.

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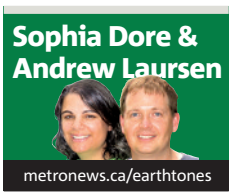

Earth Tones will return

New California fuel rules may violate trade provisions: Lawyer
California's new low-carbon fuel rules may be a violation of NAFTA and World Trade Organization provisions because they would unfairly limit exports of crude from Canada's oilsands to the state, a prominent Canadian trade lawyer said on Friday. REUTERS

Business

EU seeks to ban seal products

European ambassadors approved a European Union plan to ban imports of furs and other products from culled seals Friday, moving the 27-nation bloc one step closer to a trade clash with Norway and Canada. Both seal-hunting nations have warned the EU in recent weeks that they could challenge the EU ban at the World Trade Organization if it takes shape as currently foreseen. REUTERS

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The rise of movie piracy

Recent leak of Wolverine film putting Hollywood on edge

The highly publicized leak of the yet-to-be-released movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine on the Internet has shaken Hollywood, and some analysts say the theft represents the single biggest threat to the movie industry yet as it tries to survive in the digital age.

Unlike smaller productions that might have been pirated, this one cost more than $130 million US, so studio executives are anxiously waiting to see what impact more than 100,000 downloads might have at the box office.

No one is more nervous about the new digital reality than Hollywood. Studio bosses are ramping up security for the slew of movies due this summer, including Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Star Trek.

Piracy has also become a huge issue in Canada, where people are three times as likely as Americans to buy counterfeit goods, according to a 2007 Pollara survey for the anti-counterfeiting network lobby, with 40 per cent saying they knowingly purchased illegal products.

Still, despite the leak of Wolverine, things may not end up in disaster after all, said Charlie Keil, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto.

"The publicity might help push the movie into the news, where the one per cent of the population that hasn't heard of it might go see it," Keil said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada under scrutiny

- The Canadian Motion Pictures Distributors Association estimates that trade in counterfeit goods caused a loss to the industry of $225 million in 2005 alone, with the Canadian government forgoing $34 million in tax revenue.

Japan Celebrating Akihabara

YURIKO NAKAO/REUTERS

Japanese women dressed as maids carry the Akihabara "mikoshi," or portable shrine, during an event to promote Tokyo's Akihabara district yesterday. Akihabara in recent years has gained fame as a centre of gaming, manga and animation culture.

Business in brief

TRADE Experts say Canada's trading landscape could soon resemble that of the United States or Europe, where smaller trading venues have proliferated at the expense of exchanges that once held an effective monopoly.

TECH Don't expect Research In Motion Ltd. to back away from its touch-screen technology just because its answer to the iPhone, the BlackBerry Storm, has met with mixed reviews, says one RBC Capital Markets analyst. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canada drops nine on Hungary

Martin St. Louis registered a hat trick as Canada cruised in its second game at the IIHF World Hockey Championship with a 9-0 shellacking of Hungary yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Another series win for Jays

Scott Rolen hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3 yesterday to secure their sixth straight series win this season. After a shaky start, Toronto starter Roy Halladay (4-1) settled down and retired 12 of the last 14 batters he faced. The Jays remain in first place in the American League East with a 14-6 record. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canadian makes NFL draft history

Western defensive lineman becomes first underclassman from Canadian university ever selected

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

Vaughn Martin is looking forward to the next stage of his football career, one that has gone from the Canadian university level to the National Football League in only two years.

The San Diego Chargers selected the defensive lineman in the fourth round of the 2009 National Football League Draft yesterday. Martin, who played at the University of Western Ontario, opted to pass up his remaining three years of eligibility feeling he was ready to play professionally.

The 22-year-old, who was born in Jamaica and raised in London, Ont., became the first-ever Canadian university-produced underclassmen to be drafted, and the highest-drafted player from a Canadian school since Mike Schad went 23rd overall to the Rams from Queen's in 1986.

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Martin, right, was such a dominant force in CIS that he drew interest from more than a dozen NFL teams before being drafted by San Diego.

Chargers director of college scouting John Spanos said on the club's website that the organization values Martin's raw talent.

"Obviously he played at a lower level of competition than the typical Divison I college ... but he has tremendous upside and his best football is ahead of him."
John Spanos, Chargers director of scouting

"Obviously he played at a lower level of competition than the typical Division I college, but our guys loved how he showed flashes of dominance," Spanos said on the team's website.

"He moves like a guy that is smaller. He has tremendous upside and his best football is ahead of him."

Martin said he is excited about the next stage of his football career.

"They said they would start me out at right defensive end and then work my way to nose," Martin added on the Chargers' website.

"I'm excited to play both positions and to play with the personnel they have. I have a lot to learn as far as technique. My quickness helped me with having to play a yard off, so playing a yard closer will be nice."

Martin's agent, Hadley Engelhard, likes Martin's upside.

"He's got some true talent, most of which has been untapped," Engelhard told Metro News.

"When he gets to San Diego and learns the game, the ceiling is unlimited for him. Obviously they got a feel for him that he's a lot further along than people think. We weren't surprised where he went. We thought he'd go in the fourth or fifth round."

Martin recorded 62.5 defensive tackles, 4.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries in university and impressed NFL teams with his power and speed.

Engelhard said Martin could collect as much as $750,000 US in his first season alone combining base play and a signing bonus.

NFL draft notes

- The Detroit Lions made Georgia QB Matthew Stafford the first pick of the NFL Draft Saturday. The New York Jets traded three players and two picks to get the fifth selection from Cleveland, used to draft USC QB Mark Sanchez. The Seattle Seahawks drafted Wake Forest linebacker Aaron Curry with the fourth overall pick of the draft, and then dropped the franchise tag they placed on linebacker Leroy Hill, making Hill a free agent.

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Martin will immediately report to the Chargers and participate in their mini camp this weekend.

Cavs sweep Pistons aside

NBA 2009 Playoffs

LeBron James' near triple-double helped the Cavaliers show Detroit, the premier Eastern Conference franchise over the past decade, a quick exit from the post-season, as Cleveland completed a sweep of the Pistons with a 99-78 triumph in Game 4 of their quarterfinal series.

James led the top-seeded Cavaliers with 36 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. Cleveland will now have plenty of rest before the conference semifinals, where it will face the winner of the Atlanta-Miami series. The Heat currently lead the series 2-1.

The MVP candidate James also made 16 free throws, as the Cavs sank 23-of-24 from the line overall in the win.

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Caps beat Rangers to force Game 7

STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

Tom Poti notched a goal and three assists to register a playoff career high for points and rookie Simeon Varlamov continued his strong play in net with 29 saves, as the Washington Capitals posted a dominating 5-3 win against the Rangers in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final set in New York.

Alex Ovechkin, Mike Green, Milan Jurcina and Viktor Kozlov also found the back of the net for the second-seeded Capitals, who evened the series at three games apiece and will look to complete a comeback from a 3-1 series deficit in tomorrow's decisive Game 7 in Washington, D.C.

The Capitals have only rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to win on one occasion, the 1988 Patrick Division semifinals against the Flyers. Washington is also trying to win its first playoff series since it made a run to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1998.

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New Yorker Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist is beaten by Viktor Kozlov of the Washington Capitals yesterday. The Caps won 5-3.

Hurricanes 4 Devils 0

Cam Ward made 28 saves for his third career playoff shutout, and Eric Staal scored twice as Carolina staved off elimination with a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils to force a deciding Game 7 tomorrow.

The Hurricanes will face their first Game 7 since winning the Stanley Cup in 2006 with a 3-1 victory over Edmonton in the deciding game. The club is 2-3 all-time in Game 7s in its history in both Hartford and Carolina.

"We played very well, but neither team is looking to make major changes — that's how we got here," Hurricanes head coach Paul Maurice said.

"Both teams are going to go into New Jersey and try to play their own game — what they do well."

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Sundin, Pyatt face tough decisions

ToulBox

Scott Rintoul

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While the Canucks wait for a second round opponent to emerge, there are two important evaluations taking place involving Mats Sundin and Taylor Pyatt.

With Sundin, if he says he's healthy enough to play, he'll immediately be reinserted in the lineup.

However, when it comes to the return of Pyatt, Alain Vigneault and his staff have a tough decision to make.

The Canucks' winger is dealing with the death of his fiancée just over three weeks ago. Now that Pyatt is practising with the intent of returning to game action, he will at some point inform the coaching staff that he is ready.

Scott Rintoul can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m.
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Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws
Be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for our pet industry feature series Paws and Claws. Seen here is Fat Fat, the 3-year-old Pekingese, submitted by a loyal Metro reader. Also, be sure to check out Workology on Mondays AND Wednesdays from now on.

Workology

New website for Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg has launched the first phase of its redesigned website. A large graphic on the homepage links to the university "You of W" portal, as well as to information about academic programs, student awards, and sustainability initiatives. The site also links to uWinnipeg's $70-million "A World of Opportunity" capital campaign. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Pet fashion, a booming trade?

Haute Couture for our canine friends blossoming in popularity

Paws and **Claws**

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Seen here are some of the pups from Pet Fashion, which airs on The Pet Network.

Sunglasses for Shi Tzus, couture jackets for cats and mittens for miniature mutts? It's true — fashion has truly gone to the dogs.

Jeff Rustia, executive producer of the television show Pet Fashion on The Pet Network, has seen it all as more people indulge in the art of splurging people-pleasures on their pets.

"The whole pet fashion industry is just booming because pet owners love to treat their pets like their own kids — they like to nurture them, feed them well and dress them up," Rustia said.

The fashion world has whole-heartedly embraced pet fashion, with increasing numbers of pet-only fashion designers entering the market and powerhouse industry soirees taking place at Pet Fashion Week in New York twice a year. And, just like in the real fashion world, clothes exist at all pricing levels for plebes and princes alike.

"The trends in the fashion world very much mimic the trends in the pet world. Like human fashion, there's the affordable fashion and then there's couture. This is big business," Rustia said.

Case-in-point: One show segment highlighted a $600 hand knit sweater for a Chihuahua that could make even the most frivolous spender wince.

Some stores in places like Los Angeles have even gone so far as to design their interiors to cater to four-legged shoppers, placing outfits on miniature racks lowered down to dog-height.

In a recent episode, Pet Fashion filmed a full doggy wedding, complete with gowns, invitations, seating arrangements, table centrepieces and a huge wedding cake made out of organic dog biscuits. Rustia says such things show the pet industry has matured beyond basic necessities, toys and treats.

"For me it's just a fact that there is a market out there. This is a whole niche industry within the pet world that's absolutely insane, it's wild, it's incredible and it's amazing," Rustia said.

Rustia says the growth of pet fashion is all part of a push by owners to make their pets an extension of themselves.

"Often we catch pets and pet owners not only dressing alike but behaving alike too. I think we see ourselves in our pets," Rustia said.

As for what Poochie thinks about his tight new little leather jacket, Rustia says not to worry.

"Dogs and cats are great about telling you rather quickly when they do not like something. For the most part, they get used to (the clothes) and they really like them," Rustia said.

Metro readers'
Best friends

- Metro would like thank everyone who has sent in a picture of their pet, we'll try to publish as many as we can throughout the month of April.

Here's Brockie the Boston Terrier.

Here's Buckley, being cute.

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: **metronews.ca/work**

Death midwife helps ease grieving process

Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

Metronews.ca/oddjobs

When Shelley Sherriff's father died back in the 1980s, she and her siblings were by his side in his hospital room. After he had passed, they found they didn't want to leave him. They stayed in the room all day, until finally the hospital asked them to go home.

"I wondered if there was another way," Sherriff, now 56, asked herself back then. Sherriff spent many of the last few years caring for her aging mother, who was in her 90s when she died. Again, the process after the death felt impersonal.

So, the website designer, who lives in both Victoria and Salt Spring Island, started doing some research. She discovered a so-called death midwife named Jerrigrace Lyons in California who both offered and taught others about offering at-home funeral services that could be both personalized and were environmentally friendly.

Over the last year, Sherriff visited Lyons and took three of her training courses. Although it's not recognized by any official body, Sherriff was certified as a death midwife through Lyon's company Final Passages.

Now, Sherriff is hard at work setting up Walking You Home. When someone dies, the family can call her instead of a funeral home. She'll arrive and will help the family bathe and dress the body, which Sherriff says is often a very caring and meaningful experience. She can also provide a casket: Either one made of cardboard, or local pine that will biodegrade. (Many caskets are made from lacquered exotic hardwood with have metal parts on them and won't break down.) If they wish, the family can decorate the casket. "It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative way."

While she's not yet open for business, Sherriff has been talking to people in her community and they've shown a lot of interest in her services, which are cheaper, more personal and greener than the customary approach to death today.

"It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative way."
Shelley Sherriff

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Salma Hayek and her husband, Francois-Henri Pinault, held a lavish wedding ceremony in Venice, Italy, this weekend. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Box office

1. **Obsessed:** $28.5 million US
2. **17 Again:** $11.7 million
3. **Fighting:** $11.4 million
4. **The Soloist:** $9.7 million
5. **Earth:** $8.6 million
6. **Monsters vs. Aliens:** $8.5 million
7. **State of Play:** $6.9 million
8. **Hannah Montana: The Movies:** $6.4 million
9. **Fast & Furious:** $6.1 million
10. **Crank: High Voltage:** $3.0 million REUTERS

M. Ward: Hold Time rocker

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Antiquated: Not the word that immediately comes to mind when considering a chart-topping pop album. Yet it's the best means to describe the gracefulness of Newbury Park, Calif., native M. Ward and his sixth release, Hold Time (Merge Records).

There's a haunting familiarity to this folk-inspired singer/songwriter. Soft-spoken yet captivating, he mystifies and enraptures audiences with a velvety voice and smooth musical progressions that feel closer to orchestral movements performed by simplistic keyboards and guitars than a room full of classically-trained prodigies. Even Ward himself embraces the description. If Hold Time is antiquated, he's done his job right.

Folk-inspired singer/songwriter M. Ward recently released his sixth album, Hold Time.

"That's my biggest inspiration," he beams about ghosts of musicians past. "I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment. I try my best to keep things as new as possible but because I'm a fan of older music, I'm constantly getting reminders of little I know about every element of music. Hearing records from people like Django Reinhart remind you of how much of a beginner you truly are."

Ward understands how unusual it is to be a 36-year-old independent folk musician with closer ties to the 1920s than the 2020s. Yet to him, writing and recording music today has become disposable; so common that anyone with a computer and a spare half-hour can create the next big single. Moreover, those "artists" burn bright and fast but fade quickly. As with his heroes though, Ward's music is slowly beginning to outshine those supernovas. His increasing popularity continues to blossom, proving that substance still beats style.

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"I ask myself why I like older music more than current music all the time," he confesses. "I think it might have to do with having a closer relationship to the music I listened to growing up before I knew what music was. Somehow with music in memory, childhood and spirituality, there are a lot of overlapping circles. For some reason, certain songs loom large in those areas. Most of those songs were not written by people like (one would find) today."

As music forges on deeper into the digital age, this audiophile clings tighter to his analog ways. He only allows in enough technology to commit his craft to tape, not overtake it. While others may have forgotten music's rudiments, to Ward, they are still very real; very present. Maybe that's why we find him so enigmatic.

"There are pluses and minuses to having recording capabilities in every person's bedroom," he says, humbly dismissing the notion. "It makes life easy for everyone to record but not for everyone to hear. For myself, it's not much of an issue because I still stay pretty focused on my inspiration and I never feel a great pressure to stay on top of whoever's on the cover of Spin. It's for my own pleasure. That's how I did it when I first started and nothing's changed."

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Obsessed lacking sex, thrills

Obsessed
Director: Steve Shill
Stars: Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Beyoncé Knowles in Obsessed.

REVIEW For a movie that's being marketed as "this year's sexiest thriller," Obsessed certainly lacks some key components. Like sex and thrills for starters.

In fact, motivated characters, a sharper script and a consistent tone wouldn't have hurt the value of this so-called thriller either.

In the neutered Fatal Attraction-wannabe, Idris Elba (RocknRolla) plays Derek Charles, a successful executive who suddenly finds himself the mark of an attractive office temp named Lisa (Ali Larter).

"I think you'll find I'm not your typical temp," she tells Derek — and boy, does she mean it. Soon, Lisa is seductively sidling up to Derek at the office party, peeling off clothes in his parked car and sneaking into his hotel room. It would all be oh-so intriguing if Derek were tempted, but he's not — even though that aspect would've jacked up the drama exponentially.

Eventually, Obsessed does deliver what most fans may be anticipating — a saucy, over-the-top scrap between Larter and Knowles (I'm not spoiling anything — it's heavily featured in the trailer). But as entertaining as that campy sequence is, it doesn't fit the tone of the rest of the drama. It doesn't matter anyhow — you'll be deep into a catnap before the catfight even begins.

Drama in a drama

ABC's Lost, and one of its stars find themselves the target of a nasty lawsuit. A former employee of the show is suing over her claims that she was sexually harassed by actor Henry Ian Cusick and then fired for complaining about it, according to Fox News. METRO WORLD NEWS

Opening up surgery's secrets

Direct **Red**

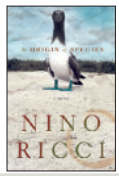
Author: Gabriel Weston
Publisher: Bond Street Books
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

When one goes under the knife, anesthesia relieves having to feel the pain associated with serious surgery. But Gabriel Watson slices open this world unknown in Direct Red, her chronicle of life as a surgeon. The depiction begins with how an unlikely medical worker entered the profession after obtaining an unrelated arts degree. The story propels quickly with emotionally and physically graphic descriptions of what transpires when one is put under. Honest and direct, Weston shares her experiences to relay the challenging life of a surgeon and to unearth an insider medical world, once seen only by the profession's practitioners.

Might As Well Laugh **About It Now**

Author: Marie Osmond with Marcia Wilkie
Publisher: Penguin Canada
Price: $31 (Hardcover)

For 46 years, Marie Osmond has lived her life in public. From the age of three, performing with The Osmond Brothers on The Andy Williams Show, she's had her share of the spotlight — but it's not always been glamorous. In this memoir, Osmond reviews the triumphs and blunders she's encountered along her journey through stardom. While at times mundane, like her shameless promotion of NutriSystem, Osmond does open up and offer candid reflections on her struggles with weight and juggling eight children.



The Origin of **Species**

Author: Nino Ricci
Publisher: Anchor Canada
Price: $22 (Paperback)

Winner of the 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction, The Origin of Species is a fictional observation on the purpose of existence and the beauty of life. Toronto novelist Nino Ricci introduces protagonist Alex Fratarcangel, living in 1980s Montreal. The grad student is perturbed by his past relationships and the point of his life, leading him to seek a therapist. The therapy he receives and several influential characters with their own afflictions leads Alex to realize life lessons learned in years past that now become strikingly clear.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

Stripper stand-in at reunion earns comedy writer Hollywood fame

Comedy writer Andrea Wachner hated the idea of going to her 10-year high school reunion so much that she hired a stripper to go instead, and what followed, she says, was a comical study in human nature.

Her story is detailed in a nearly 40-minute documentary directed by Wachner that, because of issues surrounding its length and getting approval to show it from former classmates, may never be seen — not even by her parents.

But the 31-year-old Los Angeles resident said on Friday she hopes it will someday and even if not, Hollywood already has come knocking on her door. She has written a feature film script based on her story, is trying to sell a reality TV show from it, has appeared on cable news channel CNN, and is scheduled to be on ABC's morning chat show Good Morning America.

"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right," she told Reuters. "I love the way it all turned out."

"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right."
Comedy writer Andrea Wachner

But some of her classmates don't.

"There have been a few people that were pretty vitriolic, and I have received some angry letters," she said.

In 1995, Wachner graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in an upscale Los Angeles-area neighborhood and never looked back. She left for New York City, where she attended New York University, graduating in 2000. When she received the invitation to attend her 10-year reunion, she said she would not have dreamed of going because she hated her years at the school, where BMW and Mercedes-Benz cars were prized possessions.

But Wachner did want to see how people would react if the self-described "drama geek" showed up a changed woman — a stripper, no less.

So, she hired Amy Bernadette "Cricket" Russell, whom she met at a Los Angeles strip club, to impersonate her. Cricket showed up in a slinky dress, fishnet hose and spike heels.

Judging from the film's promotional trailer, a few people may have been fooled and a few were not. Andrea — make that Cricket — got one invitation for a private performance.

Wachner said she did not set out to embarrass or make fun of classmates. Rather, she wanted to see how they would react if their old stereotype of Wachner was turned upside down.

"I love taking things that exist in the world as given — things that are mainstream, notions that people take for granted — and making people re-think them," she said. REUTERS

Golden Girls star Arthur dies at 86

DEATH Emmy Award-winning actress Bea Arthur, best known as star of the hit TV comedies Maude and Golden Girls, has died at age 86, entertainment news websites reported Saturday. Arthur, whose comic timing and deadpan delivery were a perfect fit for her sharp-tongued roles, died of cancer at her Los Angeles home, website TMZ reported. REUTERS

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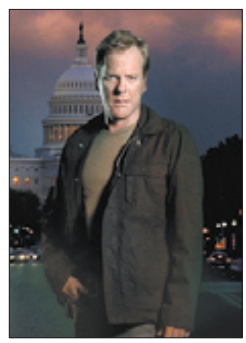
24

Counterterrorism agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) has met his share of villains during the long run of "24," but rogue security force bigwig Jonas Hodges (Jon Voight) is in a dastardly class by himself. Fans of the show are sure to be on the edge of their seats as the two characters finally meet face to face in the new episode "Day 7: 3:00AM - 4:00 AM." Mary Lynn Rajskub and Cherry Jones also star. 6 PM on STR, 9 PM on FOX, 10:01 PM on GTV



Medium

Allison's (Patricia Arquette) stalker continues to infiltrate her dreams, causing her to be less than reliable during Devalas and Scanlon's (Miguel Sandoval, David Cubitt) investigation into serial killings. Joe (Jake Weber) tries to save his company by using Marie's (Madison and Miranda Carabello) new gift. Sofia Vassilieva also stars in the new episode "The Devil Inside, Part Two." 10:01 PM on NBC

Josh's dream pet

Joshua Jackson wants a pet dinosaur. The actor said: "We live in an age where anything is possible ... There was a man talking about how he's going to recreate a woolly mammoth. We're one step away from pet tyrannosauruses." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's weight loss a cry for help?

BREAKUP Lindsay Lohan has been getting dangerously thin, and her friends claim it's a cry for help after her breakup from Samantha Ronson.

"She is a self-destructive person," a source tells People magazine. "It's all part of her cry for attention. She wants Sam to see how bad she's hurting and she wants Hollywood to see her as a 'tortured artist' who is wasting away."

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Miley's dilemma: Justin or Nick?

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus finds herself torn between boyfriend Justin Gaston and ex Nick Jonas, according to Gatecrasher. "I think Miley and Nick are definitely in the process of rekindling their romance," a source says, spilling that Cyrus recently got close to Jonas on a visit to his home.

"Nick's parents have this rule that when a girl is over, the door has to be open, but that didn't stop Nick and Miley from making out."

Another source claims Jonas is pushing Cyrus to end things with Gaston before they go any further.

"She doesn't know how to tell Justin that they're over, but Nick is being very firm with her."

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Spence and Heidi marry — again

MARRIAGE Heidi Montag is officially Mrs. Spencer Pratt, people.com reports. The Hills stars got married in an early evening ceremony at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday, People has confirmed.

Montag, 22, and Pratt, 25, exchanged vows before about 200 guests, including Audrina Patridge, Kristin Cavallari, Brody Jenner and Frankie Delgado.

The bride wore jewels from Neil Lane, including a pear-shaped diamond floral necklace with multiple diamond chains layered over it, diamond earrings and diamond hairpins, which she picked out the day before the nuptials. Pratt borrowed a pair of diamond cufflinks from the jeweller for the big day.

The couple arrived at the church in a white Rolls Royce Phantom. Before the ceremony, an airplane flew overhead and wrote "Spencer loves Heidi" in the sky. Pratt, in a black suit, smiled and signed autographs for fans outside the church.

Meanwhile, Montag posted multiple updates on Twitter throughout the day. "This is going to be the best day of my life," she wrote at one point. "Thank you God for Spencer." She also described her wedding dress as "amazing — like a swan princess."

After the ceremony, the newlyweds kissed on the church steps. Wedding guests threw rose petals at the couple, who left for the reception in a black Rolls Royce Phantom.

The night before the ceremony, the couple held a rehearsal dinner at Wolfgang Puck's Cut. The dinner included about 40 guests — and camera crews, which filmed the events, including the couple's heartfelt toasts.

The wedding comes five months after the pair flew to Mexico for an impromptu ceremony. The Mexican celebration did not include family and friends.

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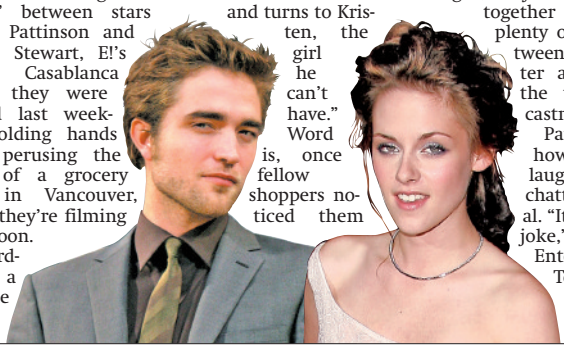
Kristen and Robert a pair?

RUMOUR Another day, another rumour seemingly designed to set the Twilight-obsessed masses aquiver, wonderwall.msn.com reports.

Days after hinting that there's "something smoldering" between stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, E!'s Ted Casablanca claims they were spotted last weekend holding hands while perusing the aisles of a grocery store in Vancouver, where they're filming New Moon.

According to a spy, the pair paused in front of the tabloids and "giggled" over their own headlines, which included Life & Style's cover story, "Twilight Heartbreak: A huge fight erupts as Robert ends his affair with Nikki Reed and turns to Kristen, the girl he can't have." Word is, once fellow shoppers noticed them and started gawking, the erstwhile Bella and Edward kept their digits to themselves. Still, the apparent grocery run wasn't the only weekend outing for the co-stars. On Saturday night, they were snapped together — with plenty of space between them — after a night on the town with castmate Reed Pattison, however, laughs off the chatter as surreal. "It becomes a joke," he told Entertainment Tonight.



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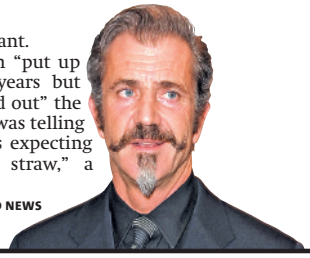
Lovechild the last straw for Mel's wife?

RUMOUR The divorce drama for Mel Gibson doesn't seem to be calming down anytime soon.

The Sun now reports that the Braveheart star's wife filed for divorce when she learned that Oksana Grigorieva, his alleged mistress, might be pregnant.

Robyn Gibson "put up with Mel for years but when she found out" the Russian singer was telling friends she was expecting "was the last straw," a source said.



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Rihanna's borrowed bling brouhaha

LEGAL Four jewellers who lent Rihanna approximately $1 million US worth of accessories the night of her alleged beating by Chris Brown want their bling back, people.com reports.

Since late March, Rihanna, 21, has been trying to recover the borrowed jewelry from the LAPD, who took the items into evidence in their probe.

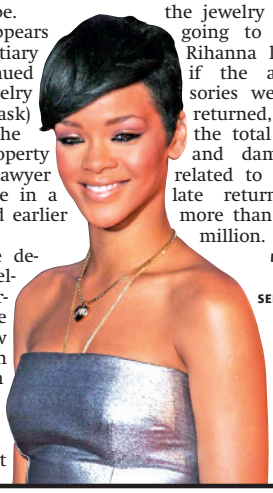
"Since there appears to be no evidentiary value to the continued holding of this jewelry ... we respectfully (ask) the court to order the return of this property to (Rihanna)," her lawyer Donald Etra wrote in a court request filed earlier this week.

The items were described as two yellow metal hoop earrings with white stones; one yellow metal ring with white and green stones; two yellow metal rings with white stones.

"If the DA doesn't need the items, and the LAPD doesn't need the items, there's no reason why they shouldn't be returned," Etra tells People.

A source adds that Rihanna also borrowed a Gucci dress for the Feb. 7 Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Party she attended, which also has not been returned.

Etra states in the documents that the owners of the jewelry were going to hold Rihanna liable if the accessories weren't returned, with the total cost and damages related to their late return as more than $1.4 million.



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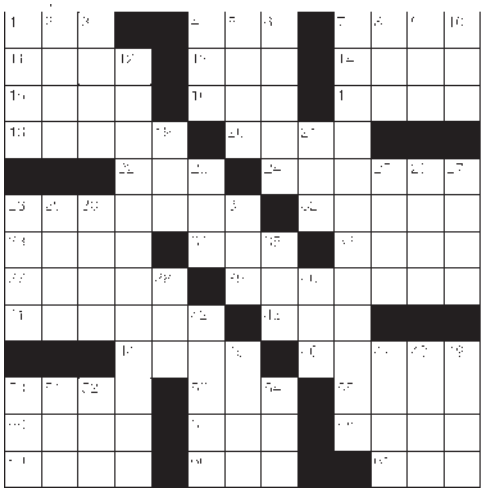

Crossword across

1 Proscribe
4 Pugilistic ploy
7 Greek salad ingredient
11 Venusian fleet?
13 Puncturing tool
14 Leave out
15 Creche trio
16 Sticky stuff
17 Ancient letter
18 Sub
20 Lummox
22 Afternoon affair
24 Soul
28 Watch the kids
32 Moral principle
33 Grad
34 Treasure seeker's aid
36 Long lunch?
37 Helvetica lack
39 Inhabitant
41 Anatomical rupture
43 Teensy
44 Pre-swan
46 Duck
50 Shock
53 Once around
55 "Zounds!"
56 Pennsylvania port
57 Have bills
58 Fax
59 Hotel furniture
60 Potent stick
61 Rotation duration

Crossword down

1 Ecdysiast's move
2 Somewhere out there
3 "Fuggedaboudit"
4 Binge
5 MPs' quarry
6 High-arc baseball pitch
7 Ali Baba's foes
8 Flightless bird
9 Bronze component
10 Noshed on
12 Andy Rooney's show
19 Thumbs-up
21 Employ
23 Intention
25 At so-and-so's house (Fr.)
26 Take on
27 Greenspan's field (Abbr.)
28 Hit hard
29 Sheltered
30 "Ironside" star
31 Slight amount
35 Church seat
38 Newton ingredient
40 Born
42 Apportion
45 Show boredom
47 On in years
48 Carvey or Delany
49 Vortex
50 Dubya's brother
51 Raw rock
52 Cover
54 Favourite

Sudoku

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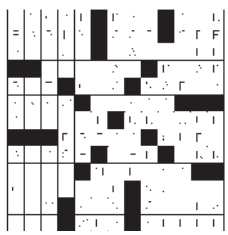
HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

				9		3	6	7
7	2		4	6			1	
						8		
			8					3
2	3		1		6		5	9
9					5			
		2						
	9			3	7		4	1
6	7	4		8				

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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8	4	3	2	9	5	6	1	7
9	1	5	8	7	6	4	2	3
1	3	8	5	2	7	9	4	6
4	7	9	6	3	8	1	5	2
2	5	6	1	4	9	7	3	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Grilled Rosemary Chicken

INGREDIENTS:
8 sprigs of rosemary, each about 2 in. (5 cm) long
8 large chicken thighs
1 lb (450 g) new potatoes
Salt and black pepper
5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil
2 large cloves garlic
6 tbsp (90 ml) good-quality mayonnaise

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and boil water in kettle. Rinse and dry rosemary and insert sprig under the skin on each chicken thigh.
2. Scrub potatoes, put into a pot, cover them with boiling water, and add a little salt. Bring back to boil and cook until tender, 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, arrange chicken, skin-sides down, on grill rack. Brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and broil 10 minutes. Turn thighs, brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, season and cook 10 minutes more, until skin is golden and crisp. Turn off broiler, but leave chicken in oven to keep warm.
4. While chicken is cooking, put remaining oil into small pot. Peel garlic, crush into oil and shake over moderate heat until just beginning to sizzle. Turn off heat. Beat in mayonnaise with 2 tbsp (25 ml) very hot water from kettle, then cover and keep warm.
5. Drain potatoes, return to pot and crush with fork until roughly broken open and slightly flattened.
6. Divide chicken thighs potatoes among 4 plates. Spoon over mayonnaise, sprinkle with black pepper, and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't fool around with a bashful person. Uncertainty crops up about debts. Mechanical problems provoke harsh words.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A newcomer's purpose will be revealed. Someone has a good financial move in the works. A handshake isn't as reassuring as a kiss.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Meet with the people who make the decisions. Someone's child needs more respect. An infatuation is getting to be outrageous.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll be in agreement with a plan. A friend is thrilled by unusual matchmaking. Don't tease a boaster who wins a prize.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Humourless fanatics put an end to sentimentality. A renegade does a good deed. The loss of freedom drives you crazy.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
When disgruntlement causes exhaustion — take a vacation. An obstacle contributes to a problem. A cruel person has revenge in mind.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Avoidable anxieties only waste your time. Shabby treatment leads to hurt feelings.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A situation has to work itself out. An oracle doesn't see the whole picture. A flowery conversation proves to be inadequate.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There's something you forgot to do. Shun a frustrating neighbour for the last time. The bearer of bad news gets unexpected guests.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone desperately wants something from you. Smile when confronted by an impolite person. Do not show disdain for anyone.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Give your support only if a man responds to messages. A greedy woman is disgusting. Scandal breaks out after a public breakdown.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A strange event won't squander good moments. Don't try to correct any foolish choices. Explain messages to avoid breaking a heart.

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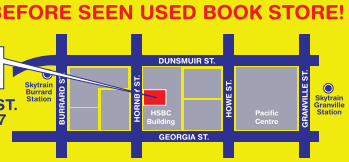

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